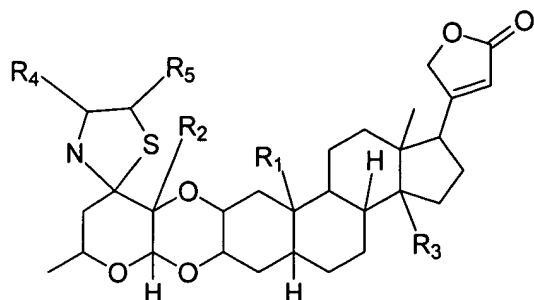


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
 formula I



wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthiocarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxythiocarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylthiocarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylalkylthiocarbonyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹carbonyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹alkylthiocarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹thiocarbonyl, Het¹alkanoyl, Het¹aralkanoyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹aroyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²carbonyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²thiocarbonyl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²alkylthiocarbonyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, aminoalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷ or

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and $CR^6=N(OR^7)$, with R^6 and R^7 being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxyalkylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy; Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxyl, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are ~~optionally-unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen ~~or~~ and amino, unsubstituted, ~~optionally~~ mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR^8 , SR^8 , $SO_2NR^8R^9$, $SO_2N(OH)R^8$, CN, $CR^8=NR^9$, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, and $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$,

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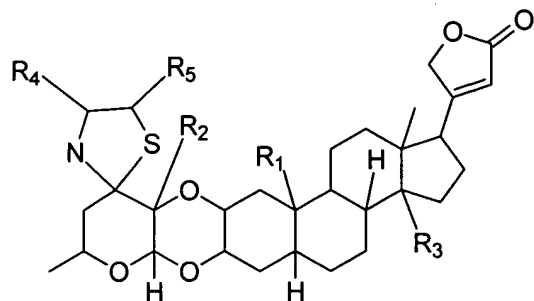
with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} being each independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R^4 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of oxo, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkanediyl, alkyloxy, alkylthio, alkylamino, alkyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylcarbonylalkyl,

cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, aryl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonyloxy, aralkoxy, aryloxyalkyl, haloalkyloxy, haloalkylthio, haloalkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aroyl, Het², Het²oxy, Het²alkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²cycloalkyl, Het²aryl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, and aminoalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted~~ or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxy, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen ~~or~~ and amino, ~~optionally unsubstituted~~, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR^{11} , SR^{11} , $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $SO_2N(OH)R^{11}$, CN, $CR^{11}=NR^{12}$, $S(O)R^{11}$, SO_2R^{11} , $CR^{11}=N(OR^{12})$, N_3 , NO_2 , $NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(OH)R^{11}$, $C(O)R^{11}$, $C(S)R^{11}$, CO_2R^{11} , $C(O)SR^{11}$, $C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $C(O)N(OH)R^{12}$, $C(S)N(OH)R^{11}$, $NR^{11}C(O)R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(S)R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(O)R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(S)R^{11}$, $NR^{11}CO_2R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, and $NR^{11}C(S)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^{11}$, $NR^{11}C(O)SR^{12}$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(O)N(OH)R^{12}$, $NR^{11}C(S)N(OH)R^{12}$, $NR^{11}SO_2R^{12}$, $NHSO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$, $NR^{11}SO_2NHR^{12}$, $P(O)(OR^{11})(OR^{12})$, wherein t is an integer

between 1 and 2, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl; and
wherein R^5 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, oxo, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkanediyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylcarbonylalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, aryl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonyloxy, aralkoxycarbonyloxy, aryloxyalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹aroyl, Het², Het²oxy, Het²alkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²cycloalkyl, Het²aryl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, and aminoalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxy, carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen ~~or~~ and amino, ~~optionally unsubstituted~~, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, aylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR¹¹, SR¹¹, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², SO₂N(OH)R¹¹, CN, CR¹¹=NR¹², S(O)R¹¹, SO₂R¹¹, CR¹¹=N(OR¹²), N₃, NO₂, NR¹¹R¹², N(OH)R¹¹, C(O)R¹¹, C(S)R¹¹, CO₂R¹¹, C(O)sR¹¹, C(O)NR¹¹R¹², C(S)NR¹¹R¹², C(O)N(OH)R¹², C(S)N(OH)R¹¹, NR¹¹C(O)R¹², NR¹¹C(S)R¹², N(OH)C(O)R¹², N(OH)C(S)R¹¹, NR¹¹CO₂R¹², NR¹¹C(O)NR¹²R¹³, and NR¹¹C(S)NR¹²R¹³, N(OH)CO₂R¹¹, NR¹¹C(O)SR¹², N(OH)C(O)NR¹¹R¹², N(OH)C(S)NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹C(O)N(OH)R¹², NR¹¹C(S)N(OH)R¹², NR¹¹SO₂R¹², NHSO₂NR¹¹R¹², NR¹¹SO₂NHR¹², and P(O)(OR¹¹)(OR¹²), wherein t is an integer between 1 and 2, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl.

2. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1, having the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
 formula I



wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthiocarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylalkoxythiocarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, arylthiocarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylalkylthiocarbonyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, aryloxycarbonylalkyl, aryloxyalkanoyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryl, Het¹aralkyl, Het¹cycloalkyl, Het¹carbonyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹alkylthiocarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹thiocarbonyl, Het¹alkanoyl, Het¹aralkanoyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹aroyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkyl, Het²carbonyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²thiocarbonyl, Het²alkanoyl, Het²alkylthiocarbonyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkanoyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aroyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl, aminoalkanoyl, aminoalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷ ~~or~~and CR⁶=N(OR⁷), with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl,

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alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy; Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are ~~optionally-unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen ~~or~~ and amino, ~~optionally-unsubstituted~~, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, and NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl,

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alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

3. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1,

wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy, Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR^8 , SR^8 , $SO_2NR^8R^9$, $SO_2N(OH)R^8$, CN, $CR^8=NR^9$, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)_sR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$, with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; ~~wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group indicated in claim 1; and~~ wherein R^4 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of, oxo, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen, oxo, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl.

4. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl,

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arylcarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxy carbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxy carbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, aryloxy carbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy; Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R¹, R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxy carbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio,

Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)sR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; wherein R¹, R² and R³ are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group indicated in claim 1; and

wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

5. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1, ~~or 2 or 4~~,
 wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, and Het²aralkanoyloxy,

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NH₂SO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino; ~~wherein R¹, R² and R³ are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group indicated in claim 1; and~~

wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

6. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, or 2, 4 to 5,~~ wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylthioalkyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, and Het²arylthioalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl,~~

aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino indicated in claim 1; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

7. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, 2, 4 to 6~~ or 2, 4 to 6, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy,

arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino~~indicated in claim 1~~; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

8. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, or 2, 4 to 7~~, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, carboxyl, formyl; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl, and wherein R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein R¹ is formyl, R² and R³ are hydroxyl R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

10. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, carboxyl, formyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl,

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Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydroxyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, and Het²aralkanoyloxy,

wherein R¹, R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)_sR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹).

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;~~wherein R¹, R² and R³ are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group indicated in claim 1; and~~

wherein R⁴ is oxo, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, arylcarbonylaryl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen or alkyl.

11. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, 3 or 10~~ claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is hydroxyalkyl, R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is oxo and R⁵ is hydrogen.

12. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, 3 or 10~~ claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylthioalkyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, and Het²arylthioalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹), with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino

and ~~arylthiocarbonylamino~~~~indicated in claim 1~~; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl and wherein R^4 is hydroxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen.

13. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, 3, 10 or 12~~claim 1 or 3, wherein R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, formyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, ~~optionally unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxy, carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹), with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and ~~arylthiocarbonylamino~~~~indicated in claim 1~~; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl, R^4 is hydroxyalkyl, arylcarbonylalkyl, or alkylcarbonylalkyl and R^5 is hydrogen.

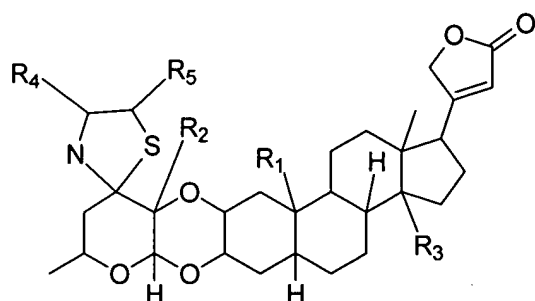
14. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 1, 3, 10, 12 or 13~~ claim 1 or 3, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyl, and formyl; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl, and wherein R⁴ is arylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen.

15. (Original) A compound according to claim 14, wherein R¹ is hydroxyalkyl, R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is arylcarbonylalkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen.

16. (Original) A compound according to claim 15, wherein R¹ is hydroxymethylene, R² and R³ are hydroxyl, R⁴ is phenylcarbonylmethylene and R⁵ is hydrogen.

17. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula Ia or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof,

formula Ia



wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxycarbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl,

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Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy, Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy, Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R² and R³ have the same definition as in claim 1;

wherein R¹, R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹,

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$N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$.

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;~~wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group as indicated in claim 1, and~~
wherein R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen or alkyl.

18. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 17,

wherein R^1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, $CR^6=NR^7$, and $CR^6=N(OR^7)$, with R^6 and R^7 being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, alkyloxy, alkylsilyloxy, arylsilyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylalkyloxy, aralkyloxy, aryloxyalkyloxy, silyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyloxy, aralkanoyloxy, aroyloxy, aryloxycarbonylalkyloxy, formyloxy, Het¹alkyloxy, Het¹oxy, Het¹oxyalkyloxy, Het¹aryloxy, Het¹aralkyloxy, Het¹cycloalkyloxy, Het¹carbonyloxy, Het¹oxycarbonyloxy, Het¹alkanoyloxy, Het¹aralkanoyloxy, Het¹aryloxyalkyloxy, Het¹aroyl, Het²oxy, Het²alkyloxy, Het²oxyalkyloxy, Het²aralkyloxy,

Het²cycloalkyloxy, Het²alkanoyloxy, Het²aralkanoyloxy, Het²carbonyloxy, Het²aryloxy, and Het²aryloxyalkyloxy,

wherein R² and R³ have the same definition as in claim 1;

wherein R¹, R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxy, carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)_sR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;~~wherein R¹, R² and R³ are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group as indicated in claims 1, and~~

~~wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or alkyl.~~

19. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 17 or 18, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylthioalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl,

Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, and Het²arylthioalkyl, optionally unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NH₂SO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹), with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino ~~indicated in claim 1~~; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen or alkyl.

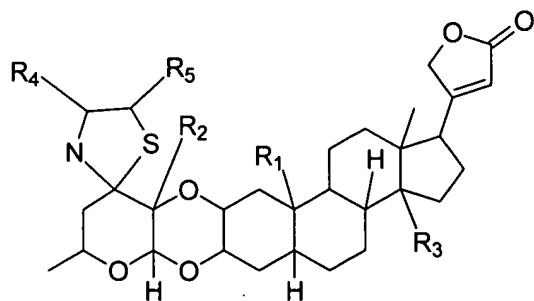
20. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17 or 18, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, optionally unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano,

halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)SR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NH₂SO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino indicated in claim 1; wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen.

21. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula Ib or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof,

formula Ib



wherein R¹ is selected from the group comprising consisting of alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl,

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cycloalkylalkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxycarbonyl, cycloalkylthioalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, arylthioalkyl, aralkanoyl, aroyl, silyloxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkynylcarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹alkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxycarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het¹arylthioalkyl, Het¹aryloxy carbonyl, Het¹aralkoxycarbonyl, Het¹oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het¹carbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het¹aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxycarbonyl, Het²alkoxycarbonyl, Het²aralkoxycarbonyl, Het²aryloxy carbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkyl, Het²arylthioalkyl, Het²oxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²aryloxyalkylcarbonyl, Het²carbonyloxyalkyl, Het²alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, Het²aralkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, CR⁶=NR⁷, and CR⁶=N(OR⁷),

with R⁶ and R⁷ being independently selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino;

wherein R¹ is ~~optionally~~unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkylloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)_sR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸,

NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R⁸ R⁹ and R¹⁰ being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino as indicated in claim 1, and

wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl and wherein R⁴ is replaced by a double bond between the N atom and the C carbon atom of the N-containing heterocyclic ring of formula Ib; and wherein R⁵ is hydrogen.

22. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 21, wherein R¹ is selected from the group ~~comprising~~consisting of alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, optionally-unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR⁸, SR⁸, SO₂NR⁸R⁹, SO₂N(OH)R⁸, CN, CR⁸=NR⁹, S(O)R⁸, SO₂R⁸, CR⁸=N(OR⁹), N₃, NO₂, NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)R⁸, C(O)R⁸, C(S)R⁸, CO₂R⁸, C(O)sR⁸, C(O)NR⁸R⁹, C(S)NR⁸R⁹, C(O)N(OH)R⁹, C(S)N(OH)R⁸, NR⁸C(O)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)R⁹, N(OH)C(O)R⁹, N(OH)C(S)R⁸, NR⁸CO₂R⁹, NR⁸C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, NR⁸C(S)NR⁹R¹⁰, N(OH)CO₂R⁸, NR⁸C(O)SR⁹, N(OH)C(O)NR⁸R⁹, N(OH)C(S)NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸C(S)N(OH)R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, NHSO₂NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂NHR⁹, and P(O)(OR⁸)(OR⁹),

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino~~indicated in claim 1~~; wherein R^2 and R^3 are hydroxyl and wherein R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen.

23. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 22, wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyloxyalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, silyloxyalkyl, aralkyl, arylalkenyl, carboxyl, Het¹oxyalkyl, Het¹aryloxyalkyl, Het¹alkyloxyalkyl, Het²oxyalkyl, Het²alkyloxyalkyl, and Het²aryloxyalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het², cycloalkyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylS(=O)_t, hydroxy, cyano, halogen and amino, unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted wherein the substituents are independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryloxyalkyl, arylaminoalkyl, aralkoxy, alkylthio, alkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, arylaminoalkoxy, aralkylamino, aryloxyalkylamino, arylaminoalkylamino, arylthioalkoxy, arylthioalkylamino, aralkylthio, aryloxyalkylthio, arylaminoalkylthio, arylthioalkylthio, alkylamino, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Het¹, Het², Het¹alkyl, Het²alkyl, Het¹amino, Het²amino, Het¹alkylamino, Het²alkylamino, Het¹thio, Het²thio, Het¹alkylthio, Het²alkylthio, Het¹oxy and Het²oxy, OR^8 , SR^8 , $SO_2NR^8R^9$, $SO_2N(OH)R^8$, CN , $CR^8=NR^9$, $S(O)R^8$, SO_2R^8 , $CR^8=N(OR^9)$, N_3 , NO_2 , NR^8R^9 , $N(OH)R^8$, $C(O)R^8$, $C(S)R^8$, CO_2R^8 , $C(O)SR^8$, $C(O)NR^8R^9$, $C(S)NR^8R^9$, $C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $C(S)N(OH)R^8$, $NR^8C(O)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)R^9$, $N(OH)C(O)R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)R^8$, $NR^8CO_2R^9$, $NR^8C(O)NR^9R^{10}$, $NR^8C(S)NR^9R^{10}$, $N(OH)CO_2R^8$, $NR^8C(O)SR^9$, $N(OH)C(O)NR^8R^9$, $N(OH)C(S)NR^8R^9$, $NR^8C(O)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8C(S)N(OH)R^9$, $NR^8SO_2R^9$, $NHSO_2NR^8R^9$, $NR^8SO_2NHR^9$, and $P(O)(OR^8)(OR^9)$.

with t being an integer between 1 and 2, and R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} being each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, aryl, Het¹, Het¹alkyl, Het¹aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aminoalkyl, aminoaryl, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, alkylthiocarbonylamino and arylthiocarbonylamino ~~R^1 has the same definition as in claim 20~~, wherein R^2 and R^3 are

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hydroxyl; wherein R⁴ is replaced by a double bond between the N atom and the C carbon atom of the N-containing heterocyclic ring of formula Ib; and wherein R⁵ is hydrogen.

24. (Currently amended) ~~Compound~~ A compound of formula I, wherein R¹ is hydroxyalkyl, wherein R² and R³ are hydroxyl; wherein R⁴ is replaced by a double bond between the N atom and the C carbon atom of the N-containing heterocyclic ring of formula I; and wherein R⁵ is hydrogen.

25. (Currently amended) ~~Compound~~ A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are selected as in Table A.

26. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims ~~1-25~~ 1, 17 and 21.

27. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 9.

28. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 11.

29. (Cancelled)

30. ~~Use of~~ A method of treating cancer comprising administering a compound according to any one of claims ~~1 to 25~~ 1, 17, and 21 ~~for the preparation of a medicament for treating cancer to an individual in need of such treatment.~~

31. (Cancelled)

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32. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method of treating cancer comprising administering to an individual in need of such treatment a pharmaceutical composition according to ~~any of claims 26 to 28~~ claim 26.